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SUBJECT: EC-ARAB DIALOGUE AND NEW EC STUDY ON MIDDLE  
EAST

REF: (A) BONN 17893; (B) ROME 15884; (C) PARIS 28825

1. BRAITHWAITE, HEAD OF FCO'S EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (EX-  
TERNAL) DEPARTMENT, BRIEFED US ON BRITISH VERSION OF EC  
MINISTERIAL DECISIONS OCTOBER 30 ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.  
IN ADDITION TO AGREEING TO MEET WITH ARABS AT EXPERTS'  
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LEVEL IN ABU DHABI NOVEMBER 22-27, EC MINISTERS' MEETING

AT ROME OCTOBER 30 DECIDED THAT THEY WILL NOT AGREE TO ANY EURO-ARAB GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING SEPARATE FROM AN EXPERTS' LEVEL MEETING. A GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING COULD BE HELD ONLY ON THE LAST DAY OF AN EXPERTS' LEVEL MEETING, WITH AN AVOWED PURPOSE OF COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE EXPERTS. ACCORDING TO BRAITHWAITE, EC MINISTERS DECIDED TO CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT GENERAL COMMISSION WOULD MEET ON BASIS OF DUBLIN FORMULA (TWO SIDES, DE-NATIONALIZED), AND THAT NEAR EASTERN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, INCLUDING THE PLO WOULD BE EXCLUDED. THE BRITISH ARE PUSHING THE EMPHASIS ON LIMITING DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND FEEL THAT IF THERE IS ANY DISCUSSION OF THEM IN THE DIALOGUE, IT MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE TO KEEP FROM SPILLING OVER INTO NEAR EASTERN POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

2. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH FCO OFFICERS HANDLING NEAR EASTERN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WE INQUIRED ABOUT EVOLUTION TOWARD CONCEPT OF "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL IDENTITY" CONTAINED IN NEW EC STUDY ON MIDDLE EAST. FCO OFFICIALS STATED THIS TERMINOLOGY IS BASED ON PHRASEOLOGY CONTAINED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ALLON PUBLISHED BY DIE WELT ON FEBRUARY 26 AND CARRIED BY LE MONDE ON FEBRUARY 27. FCO OFFICIALS DID NOT HAVE COPY OF ORIGINAL INTERVIEW AVAILABLE, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND, APPARENTLY FROM THEIR EC COUNTERPARTS, THAT ALLON THEN STATED "PALESTINE IDENTITY MUST FINALLY FIND ITS FULL EXPRESSION OR ITS NATIONAL EXPRESSION IN AN INDEPENDENT STATE." FCO OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY URWICK, EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER DISCLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF TEXT OF NEW REPORT OUTSIDE THE EC IN VIEW OF RECENT UPROAR IN EC MEETINGS OVER RESULTS OF LEAKS TO ISRAELIS; HOWEVER, FCO OFFICIALS EXPECTED MUCH OF LANGUAGE WOULD BECOME PUBLIC WHEN IT IS DRAWN ON IN CURRENT UNGA DEBATE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT FOR BONN, PARIS, AND TEL AVIV: THIS PARTICULAR SENTENCE IN THE VERSION GIVEN US OF DIE WELT INTERVIEW BY DCO (OF WHICH THEY SEEMED SOMEWHAT UNSURE) DOES NOT TRACK WITH REPORT ON THE INTERVIEW CONTAINED IN BONN'S 3335 OF FEBRUARY 27, WHICH QUOTES ALLON AS HAVING TOLD DIE WELT "THIS PALESTINIAN IDENTITY MUST FIND AN EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSION IN OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST, JORDAN." WE WOULD APPRECIATE A FULLER VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF WHAT DIE WELT REPORTED ALLON DID SAY ON THIS SCORE, AND IN KNOWING WHETHER THIS WAS ACCURATELY TRANSLATED IN THE LE MONDE VERSION. FCO ALSO SEEKING VERBATIM TEXT.

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